

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

**'Clean' version of the amended claims:**

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- C1
1. (Twice amended) A method of modifying a signal comprising:
- Providing a first signal and a second signal, each of said first and second signals including a plurality of frequency bands;
- Supplying said first and second signals to said first and second signal processors, respectively;
- Selecting at least one of said plurality of frequency bands with said first signal processor and selecting at least one of said plurality of frequency bands with said second signal processor, wherein said selections are less than a frequency spectrum of the plurality of frequency bands for said first and second signals; and
- Adjusting a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said first processor with said first processor, and adjusting a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said second processor with said second processor, such that an increase in level of said selected at least one frequency band in one of said first and second signals results in a decrease in level of said selected at least one frequency band in the other of said first and second signals.
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3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- Adjusting the level of the first and second signals prior to providing said first and second signals to said signal processors.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- Separately adjusting said selected frequency bands for the first and second signals.
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8. (Twice Amended) A method of processing signals comprising:
- Providing a first signal from a first position relative to an instrument and a second signal

from a second position relative to said instrument, each of said first and second signals including a plurality of frequency bands;

Supplying said first and second signals to at least first and second signal processors, respectively;

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Selecting at least one of said plurality of frequency bands with said at least first signal processor and selecting at least one of said plurality of frequency bands with said at least second signal processor, wherein said selections are less than a frequency spectrum of the plurality of frequency bands for said first and second signals, and;

Adjusting a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said first processor with said first processor, and adjusting a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said second processor with said second processor, such that an increase in level of said selected at least one frequency band in one of said first and second signals results in a decrease in level of said selected at least one frequency band in the other of said first and second signals.

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9. (Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

Adjusting a gain of said first and second signals prior to supplying said first and second signals to said at least first and second signal processors.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein in said adjusting step, a preset ratio of a gain for the second signal is between 11 and 5 dB lower than said gain for said first signal.

19. (Twice amended) An apparatus for modifying a signal comprising:

a first signal source generating a first signal and a second signal source generating a second signal, each of said first and second signals including a plurality of frequency bands;

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first and second signal processors adapted to receive said first and second signals, respectively;

said first signal processor further adapted to select at least one of said plurality of frequency bands, wherein said selection is less than a frequency spectrum of the plurality of frequency bands for said first signal;

said second signal processor further adapted to select at least one of said plurality of frequency bands, wherein said selection is less than a frequency spectrum of the plurality of frequency bands for said second signal, and;

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cont the first signal processor further adapted to adjust a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said first processor, and said second signal processor further adapted to adjust a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said second processor, such that an increase in level of said selected at least one frequency band in one of said first and second signals results in a decrease in level of said selected at least one frequency band in the other of said first and second signals.

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C7 21. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein said selected frequency bands are separately adjusted for the first and second signals.

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24. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for processing signals comprising:

a first signal source adapted to provide a first signal from a first position relative to an instrument and a second signal source adapted to provide a second signal from a second position relative to said instrument, each of said first and second signals including a plurality of frequency bands;

C8 first and second signal processors adapted to receive said first and second signals, respectively;

said first signal processor further adapted to select at least one of said plurality of frequency bands, wherein said selection is less than a frequency spectrum of the plurality of frequency bands for said first signal;

second signal processor further adapted to select at least one of said plurality of frequency bands, wherein said selection is less than a frequency spectrum of the plurality of frequency bands for said second signal; and

the first signal processor further adapted to adjust a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said first processor, and said second signal processor further adapted to adjust a level for the at least one frequency band selected by said second processor, such that an increase